
8th FEBRUARY, 1805.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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Farther additional to, and amendatory of an act, entitled "an act concerning the district of Columbia."

1 **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 That from and after the passage of this act, all judgments award-
4 ed by a single magistrate, within the district of Columbia, for sums
5 not exceeding ten dollars, shall be final without appeal.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That letters testamentary,
2 or of administration, granted in the United States, by any tribu-
3 nal or court authorised to grant the same by the laws of the state
4 or territory, as the case may be, where the testator or intestate
5 last resided, shall be good and available in the district of Colum-
6 bia, and shall authorise the executor or administrator to act as
7 such, and to collect and administer the assets of the said deceased,
8 found in the district of Columbia, in like manner as if such let-

9 ters, testamentary or of administration, had been granted by the
 10 proper officer, authorized to grant the same, in the said district of
 11 Columbia.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for
 2 the owners of a slave or slaves, residing within the district of Co-
 3 lumbia, to remove such slave or slaves from time to time, from
 4 one county of the said district to the other, without incurring any
 5 penalty or forfeiture therefor.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the entire power of lay-
 2 ing out roads, and erecting bridges and keeping them in repair, in
 3 that portion of the county of Washington, which is not included
 4 within the corporate limits of the city of Washington and George-
 5 town, be vested in three commissioners, to be annually elected on
 6 the first Monday of April, one of whom shall be chosen by the
 7 city council of Washington, one by the corporation of George-
 8 town, and one by the taxable inhabitants of the said county,
 9 without the limits of the said corporations; which inhabitants
 10 shall give their votes in such manner, and at such places, as three
 11 magistrates of the county shall direct, who shall give public no-
 12 tice for at least ten days preceding the election, of which they
 13 shall be judges. The said commissioners or any two of them
 14 shall, in every year, on or before the first Monday in May, deter-
 15 mine the amount required for said objects, provided, that it shall
 16 not exceed two thousand dollars, nor be less than one thousand
 17 dollars, which shall be forthwith raised by the levy court of Wash-

ington county, on the assessible property therein, and paid to the order of the said commissioners. Their accounts shall be annually settled, and their services compensated by the levy court, provided such compensation does not exceed a tenth part of the sum expended by them.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That whenever a new road shall be laid out, which shall pass over private property, the marshal of the district shall summon a jury of twelve impartial freeholders, who, on their oaths, shall decide the amount of the damage incurred by the individuals over whose property said road shall pass, and return their verdict to the circuit court, whereupon the said amount shall be paid to said individuals by the commissioners.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all roads laid out as aforesaid, shall be deemed public highways, for the passage over which no toll shall be required ; and a plat and description thereof, shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of any act now in force, as is repugnant to the foregoing provisions be, and the same is hereby repealed.